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**CENTRAL MARICOPA AND NORTHWEST MARICOPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCILS
COACHING AND TRAINING FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
FTF-MULTI-10-0064-00
FACT SHEET**

**WHAT IS THE CENTRAL MARICOPA AND NORTHWEST MARICOPA REGIONAL
PARTNERSHIP COUNCILS COACHING AND TRAINING FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION
PROFESSIONALS GRANT PROGRAM?**

The Central Maricopa and Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils (RPC) have identified the need to provide high quality, best practice, and community-based professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of those working with children birth through age five and their families. In addition, the grant program will fund opportunities to provide early childhood development and health professionals working in the regional areas with additional encouragement and opportunities for professional development by providing trainings, scholarships, and incentives to individuals pursuing a credential, certificate, or degree in early childhood development or other appropriate specialty area.

Funding for this grant program is intended to provide coaching and mentoring delivered by a person trained in child development, has experience in the classroom and makes regularly scheduled visits to provide information, modeling, resources and ongoing training and consultation. The programs should target the early childhood development workforce, including providers, caregivers, teachers, directors and owners, and others working directly with children birth through age five and their families, needing additional professional development in order to improve their skills. In addition, the Council intends that this funding opportunity will target providers who are not currently participating in *Quality First!* or T.E.A.C.H.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$467,500 is available for programs serving the Central Maricopa Regional area and approximately \$250,000 for programs serving the Northwest Maricopa Regional area in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be September 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 8, 2009	RFGA available on-line
April 23, 2009	Pre-application Conference First Things First, 8 th Floor Board Room, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 pm. at 4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
May 20, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 11:00 a.m.
September 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 8, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-MULTI-10-0064-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.